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THE OBSERVATOR.

The Rehearſer *turn'd an Ideot. Both a Fool and Mad-man. His nonſenſical Turns to Things. A Centimation of the Dialogue betwixt the two* Country-men. *Kings and Queens, nurſing Fathers and nurſing Mothers. Of the evil Practices of the High-Church Faction.*

From Saturday, March 22. to Wednesday, March 26. 1707.

Country-m. MAſter, have you read the *Rehearſal?*

Obſ. Yes, *Roger*, I have; what then?

Country-m. Then, your Opinion of it.

Obſ. Why, my Opinion is, the Fellow's a meer *Ideot*, he's dwindl'd down to the *Claſs* with fooliſh *Luke Milbourne.*

Country-m. And yet, the Man has Impudence enough to take upon him to be Vindicator-General to the High-Church Officers of the Navy.

Obſ. Aye, *Roger*, and that cauſes ſome Speculation among the wiſe Men of the Age; I mean among thoſe wiſe Men that have no Offices; for ſome ſuch there are in Corners. Say they, *I wonder this Fellow is not drubb'd three times a Day, for 'tis a horrid Scandal for our Men in Offices to have the good Word of one that is a Rebel, both againſt the State and the Church; that won't take the Oaths to the Queen, nor conform to the Eccleſiaſtical Government.*

Country-m. Bleſs me! Maſter, I am puzzl'd; a Non-juror, a Tacker, a *Perkinite*, an *Iriſh* Bog-trotting Prieſt, ſo very fond of ſome People; does it not look as if ſome People were as fond of him?

Obſ. If one were to judge of our Navy-Officers by their Advocate, one would think ſo. But, *Roger*, the Fellow is both a *Fool* and a *Mad-man.* At the laſt Election for Members of Parliament, he forg'd a Lye about the *Sandwich-Breeches*, on Purpoſe to expoſe a very honeſt Gentleman near the Prince; and now he forges a Letter from *Portſmouth*, in Vindication of his High-Church Admiral. Could any Thing have expos'd that Admiral more than *Leſley*'s taking him into his Church? And can our *Navy*-Officers help bluſhing, where they ſee themſelves expos'd throughout the Kingdom, and rank'd with Non-jurors, Tackers, *Memorialiſts*, and the moſt inveterate Enemies of the Queen and Country?

Country-m. I am ſtill puzzl'd, Maſter; he has always written againſt the Queen; and when the Faction printed their villanous *Memorial*, they told the People, that the Church was in Danger under her Majeſty's Adminiſtration. The good Queen was forc'd to publiſh her Declaration to the contrary. Our noble Patriots, the Peers, did reſolve, that this was a ſcandalous Reflection on her Majeſty, and did publiſh their Reſolutions to the World; ſome have been proſecuted, others have been puniſh'd and pillory'd, for ſaying the Church is in Danger. And yet, in Defiance of the Queen, the Lords, and the Examples of Juſtice, *Leſley* ſays, the Church is in Danger; that ſhe is now inſulted, and threatens what his High-Church Generals will do when the War is over; and now he's liſting the Admirals in that Caſe. Bleſs me! what is the Meaning of all this?

Obſ. Every Body ſees the Meaning of it. The Eyes of the Nation are more open now, than they have been for ſome Years paſt, as indeed they muſt needs be, when they find the Friends of the Queen and Government abus'd, aſſaſſinated, and contriv'd to be murder'd, and its open Enemies countenanc'd. We have had many Inſtances of this Nature ſince the laſt Election. Very little Encouragement, *Roger*, to ſpend our Time and Money in promoting the Queen's Intereſt. And yet, the Time is coming, when we may be ſervicable again.

Country-m. But, Maſter, the *Rehearſer* ſays, you abuſe the Great Folk at Court.

Obſ. As how, *Roger?*

Country-m. That he does not know, nor they neither. But here lies the Caſe: If you ſpeak of ſuch a *termagant*, *flagrant*, *flaming*, *pungent Thing* in Petticoats, as the SHE *Leſley*, preſently the HE *Leſley* ſays, This was ſpoken againſt the Lady Dutcheſs, the Lady Counteſs, or ſome great Female Quality; and if the Lady, and the SHE *Leſley* happens to be alike, what a Condition is the poor *Obſervator* in?

Obſ. You know, *Roger*, the laſt Year, for Want of News, I tranſlated an old News Letter out of *Latin*; *Leſley* ſays, That the Letter was written againſt the Duke of *Marlborough.* Now, one would think it ſhould be a hard Matter to convince a Man, that a Letter was written againſt himſelf, about two thouſand Years before he was born.

All that the *Review* and my ſelf have occaſionally ſpoken in Favour of Prince *Eugene*, *Leſley* has turn'd againſt the Duke of *Marlborough*: And as yet, I can find no other Reaſon for my late barbarous and cowardly Treatment, than my Writing in Favour and Vindication of the Earl of *Peterborough*, who, conſidering his Equipment, his Supplies, and the Diſadvantage of foreign Councils, has done more than Human Reaſon could expect.

Country-m. Maſter, I wiſh the Great Ones at Court would do you Juſtice; there's a pretty Deal of Money due to you, but Favorites have got what by your Vigilance, was brought into the Pocket of the Government. But, however, we'll go on to ſerve the Government, in oppoſing *Leſley*, and all its other Enemies. If we can't do all the Good we would do, let us do all the Good we can. We can't ſtop the Courſe

of

of Corruption. *Mundus vadere ſicut vult, nam vult vadere ſicut vult.*

Let the World go how it will;
For it will go how it will.

Obſ. That's ſpecial Rhyme, *Roger.*

Country-m. 'Tis no Matter for that. Come, Maſter, to eaſe you, I'll go on with the Diſcourſe betwixt *Hodge* and my ſelf.

Obſ. Do, *Roger*, plain Diſcourſe may have good Effects.

Country-m. In the plain Manner as *Hodge*, the *Rehearſer's Country-man*, and your *Country-man*, *Roger*, ſpoke, ſo I repeat it.

R. Well, *Hodge*, what ſay'ſt thou to this Point of Kings being nurſing Fathers, and Queens being nurſing Mothers, as our good Queen is to all her People; contrary to the Sentiments of thy Maſter's Church and Faction, who would have the Prince make a Diſtinction betwixt his People?

H. My Maſter would have none fed with Royal Bounty, but the Children of High-Church.

R. Why ſo, *Hodge?* Becauſe that Faction is the Queen's worſt Enemies? But, *Hodge*, to make Things appear plain to thee, who ha'ſt been confounded by thy Maſter's Lies and Sophiſtry, we'll talk a little of *Nurſing*. Thy Maſter durſt not ſay we make homely Compariſons, becauſe 'tis Scripture.

'Tis a hard Taſk, *Hodge*, for nurſing Fathers and Mothers to make their Children to ſleep and wake at the ſame Hour, or to eat and drink one and the ſame Sort and Quantity of Food, and no other; to play at one and the ſame Play, and to begin and end at the ſame Time; when 'tis known the Difference of Age and Conſtitution requires different Food, different Exerciſe, ſmaller and greater Proportions of Food, more and leſs ſleep, *&c.* and a good Nurſe proportions all for the Safety and Health of the Child.

Another principal Part of a Nurſe, is, to take care that the Nurſe-Children do not quarrel, by falling out one with another, and calling of Names; much leſs to fight and ſcratch, curſe and ſwear, and take God's Name in vain; and to belie and ſlander one another, as does thy Maſter and his Faction; or to calumniate the good and pious Nurſe, as thy Maſter and Faction has done in their *Memorial*, and other Libels; for this, they ought to be whipp'd, and ſeverely chaſtis'd.

Now, *Hodge*, does it not plainly appear by this familiar Metaphor, that the Spirit of God makes uſe of, to ſhew what is the Duty of Chriſtian Kings and Princes, that they are not to force the Conſcience, and impoſe on the Belief of the Subject? As you are perſwaded in your own Minds, ſo do ye; enjoy your Principles according to your Faith and Conſcience; but don't impoſe upon others, becauſe none of you would be impos'd upon.

Princes, I mean ſuch as are Chriſtian, have a two-fold Power over the People or Flock committed to their Charge, the one is Spiritual, the other Temporal; their Spiritual Power is plain and particular, given them by the eternal Law of Heaven, which admits of no Addition or Diminution. Their Temporal is leſs certain, becauſe it is according to Compact betwixt themſelves and the People, by Laws made by common Conſent; and all human Laws may be repeal'd by the ſame Power that enacted them, but the Divine Law can never be repeal'd, alter'd, or amended.

Hodge, I hope to make a Chriſtian of thee before I have done. The Spiritual Power the Queen has, is from God immediately; 'tis her Majeſty, and not the Pope, or any other Power, is God's Vicegerent in theſe Realms; and ſhe is Head of the Church under God in theſe Kingdoms, as my Maſter has fully prov'd: Beſides this Power, ſhe has a Civil Sanction, and is Head of what we call the Church of *England*, which, tho' it may be diſtinguiſh'd from other Churches, by certain Modes and Rituals, yet it is the Church of Chriſt, and the moſt Orthodox of any in the World.

Now, *Hodge*, the People of *England* don't differ as Chriſtians, in any fundamental Points, they only differ about ſome Rights and Ceremonies, which by all Parties are held indifferent, and not eſſential to Religion, or ſuch as are Terms of Salvation, but ſuch as may be, or not be, without the Deſtruction of the Chriſtian Religion.

Now, *Hodge*, thy Maſter's Church and Faction, ever ſince the Reformation in *England*, have trump'd up the Ceremonies of the Church, that have only a civil Sanction againſt the Doctrines of the Church, which are founded on Divine Authority; and ſo in the Name of God, they have done the Devil's Work, and have ruin'd all the Princes that ever adher'd to their Advice.

No ſooner was our good Queen come to the Crown, but theſe black Invaders of the Repoſe of Princes, laid thoſe Snares for her Majeſty, that had been the Ruin of her Royal Predeceſſors. But infinite Wiſdom ſhow'd her the Paths of Righteouſneſs and Safety, and taught her how to confound their Devices, how to diſmount their Artillery of Occaſional Bills, Tacks, and *Memorials*; ſo that the Lime-twigs laid for her Majeſty, only hamper'd the High-Church Buzzards. And ſince her Majeſty would not be ruin'd by their Advice, they now fly in her Face, and deny her to be Head of the Church.

'Twas thy Maſter's Church and Faction, that *Conſtantine* ſuffer'd to get up, and which occaſion'd all the Blood, Maſſacres, and Murders, under which the Proteſtants have groan'd ſince that Day.

'Twas thy Maſter's Church and Faction that miſled King *Charles* the I. that baſely deſerted him, and ſuffer'd him to be murder'd at his Palace Gate by his Enemies.

'Twas thy Maſter's Church and Faction, that embarras'd the Affairs of King *Charles* the II. and made him ſo uneaſy in his Government.

'Twas thy Maſter's Church and Faction, that impos'd on the late King *James*, that put him upon uſurping a Sovereign Legiſlative Power; and when they had done that, invited over an Army of Foreigners to drive him out of the Kingdom.

'Twas thy Maſter's Church and Faction, that oppos'd King *William*'s being King; that oppos'd the Recognition-Bill, and the Acts of Settlement; and in ſo doing, they oppos'd her Majeſty's coming to the Throne. And 'tis thy Maſter's Church and Faction, that ſince her happy Acceſſion to the Throne, in ſcandalous *Memorials*, and other Libels, have abus'd her Majeſty and Government.

H. Friend *Roger*, thou ha'ſt made me almoſt a Chriſtian. I'll aſk my Maſter, what he can ſay in his own Vindication.

R. He'll tell thee an hundred Lies. But I ſpeak what is in Memory.

Obſ. Very well, *Roger*, we muſt at Times have all this Diſcourſe, it may be of Uſe.

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